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54/96. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

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ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING FLOODS

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the unprecedented floods in Mozambique, which have resulted in tragic loss of human lives and extensive destruction of property and infrastructure,

Also deeply concerned about the impact of the disaster on the economic, social and humanitarian situation in Mozambique,

Gravely concerned about the widespread destruction of crops, which may lead to food security problems and loss of income,

Disturbed by the resulting lack of clean water, shelter and health care and by the outbreak of diseases, particularly malaria and cholera,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government and the people of Mozambique to save lives and to alleviate the suffering of the flood victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a major problem for development,

Aware that, to mitigate and to prevent the consequences of this disaster, international assistance is required, both for emergency relief and for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the infrastructure,

Noting the appeal to the international community made by the Government of Mozambique for emergency humanitarian aid and the need for assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the disaster,

Noting also the appeal made by the Secretary-General to the international community for aid and assistance to Mozambique in dealing with the effects of the floods,

Noting further the statement issued by the President of the Security Council on 6 March 2000 concerning the floods in Mozambique,

1. *Expresses its solidarity*, at this difficult time, with the Government and the people of Mozambique in their efforts to cope with the serious consequences of the disaster;

2. *Urges* the international community, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, international financial institutions and other bodies of the United Nations system as well as non-governmental organizations to respond urgently and to provide assistance to Mozambique in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the disaster;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Member States, international and non-governmental organizations and private individuals and groups that are providing emergency relief to Mozambique;

4. *Requests* the relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for the strengthening of the capacity for disaster preparedness of Mozambique;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue mobilizing and coordinating humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Mozambique;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue mobilizing and coordinating assistance for the required reconstruction and rehabilitation of the infrastructure in Mozambique and to meet other needs for the normalization of the life of citizens;

7. *Encourages* the holding of an international donors conference to assist Mozambique in its humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-fifth session, under the item on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance, through the Economic and Social Council at the humanitarian segment of its substantive session in 2000, on the collaborative efforts referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above and on the progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Mozambique.

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10 March 2000

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ASSISTANCE TO MADAGASCAR FOLLOWING THE TROPICAL CYCLONES

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned about the extensive damage and the devastation caused by tropical cyclones Eline and Gloria and the floods that have struck Madagascar,

Noting with concern the destruction of thousands of homes and the damage to major sectors of the national infrastructure as well as the growing needs of hundreds of thousands of victims,

Noting also with concern that those natural disasters have been aggravated by various epidemics that have resulted in the loss of human lives,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government and the people of Madagascar to provide relief and emergency assistance to the victims of those disasters,

Noting that the determined efforts of the Government of Madagascar to promote economic growth and development are hindered by this kind of recurring natural disaster,

Aware that, to mitigate and to prevent the consequences of those disasters, international assistance is required, both for emergency relief and for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the infrastructure,

1. *Expresses its solidarity* with the Government and the people of Madagascar;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts of the Government and the people of Madagascar to provide rapid relief to the victims through their own means;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the international community, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, for the measures it has taken to support the efforts of the Government of Madagascar to carry out relief operations and to provide emergency assistance;

4. *Requests* all States and international organizations to provide additional emergency support to Madagascar, with a view to alleviating the economic and financial burden that the people of Madagascar will have to bear during the emergency period and in the subsequent process of rehabilitation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue mobilizing and coordinating humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Madagascar;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, acting in conjunction with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and in close cooperation with the government authorities, to assist the Government of Madagascar in effectively carrying out its rehabilitation efforts;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-fifth session, under the item on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance, through the Economic and Social Council at the humanitarian segment of its substantive session in 2000, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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